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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on June 11, 2008, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 7 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding **claim 7**, the claim limitation "capsule means for providing a single ended capsule having at least one filament located inside the capsule and current connection leads extending from a press seal; adapter means for providing an adapter with an elevated or stepped up portion having a slit therethrough for receiving the press seal portion of said capsule; adjustment collar means for providing an adjustment collar having a flat surface with an opening therein and sidewalls, said adapter means being weldably mounted on the flat surface of said adjustment collar with at least a part of said press seal portion and current connection leads extending through said opening; and socket means for providing a socket closed at one end with an insulated material in which electrical connection leads are embedded, an open upper portion of the socket receiving said adjustment collar in a snug yet adjustable manner along and around a reference axis" uses the phrase "means for" or "step for", but it is modified by some structure, material, or acts recited in the claim.

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Regarding **claim 10**, the claim limitation "said weld structures comprise inner vertical walls of the socket means, said vertical walls being weld connected to said adjustment collar means" uses the phrase "means for" or "step for", but it is modified by some structure, material, or acts recited in the claim.

Regarding **claim 11**, the claim limitation "said weld structures comprise outer vertical walls of the socket means " uses the phrase "means for" or "step for", but it is modified by some structure, material, or acts recited in the claim.

Regarding **claim 12**, the claim limitation "said adapter means has a flat surface below said elevated portion, and said adjustment collar means has a flat surface surrounding said opening " uses the phrase "means for" or "step for", but it is modified by some structure, material, or acts recited in the claim.

It is unclear whether the recited structure, material, or acts are sufficient for performing the claimed function which would preclude application of 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, because the claims contain structural limitations which do not meet the 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, third prong. Therefore, it is unclear whether claims 7, 10-12 invokes 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph.

If applicant wishes to have the claim limitation treated under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, applicant is required to amend the claim so that the phrase "means for" or "step for" is clearly not modified by sufficient structure, material, or acts for performing the claimed function.

If applicant does not wish to have the claim limitation treated under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, applicant is required to amend the claim so that it will clearly not be a means (or step) plus function limitation (*e.g.*, deleting the phrase "means for" or "step for"),

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

a. A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Endo (4622486)**, in view of **Okano (4864183)**.

Regarding **claim 1**, Endo clearly shows and discloses an incandescent lamp which comprises: a single ended capsule (10) having a press seal (pinch-seal portion 10a) (col. 3, line 5) thereof, one or more filaments (11) located inside the capsule (10) (col. 2, lines 18-19), current connection leads (61) extending from the press seal (10a); an adapter (52) with an elevated or stepped up portion having a slit through the elevated or stepped up portion thereof for receiving the press seal portion (10a) of the capsule (10); an adjustment collar (mounting base 56) having a flat surface and downwardly extending sidewalls (60), the adapter (52) being weldably mounted on the adjustment collar (56), the adjustment collar (56) having an opening (58) for receiving at least a part of the press seal portion (10a) and current connection leads (61); and a socket (16) closed at one end with an insulated material (synthetic resin 68, col. 4, lines 18-19) in which electrical connection leads (61+62) are embedded, an open upper portion of the socket (16) receiving the adjustment collar (56) in a snug yet adjustable manner, one or more weld structures (42) for weldably connecting the socket (16) to the adjustment collar (56) and a pair of connection prongs (66) extending outwardly and downwardly from the insulating material (68) (figs. 1-2, col. 3, lines 38-43, and 47-50 and col. 4, line 14).

The new claim limitations, "wherein said adapter, collar and socket are adjusted in three orthogonal dimensions with respect to each other along and around each of three orthogonal

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axes to achieve an optimized focus, position of said filament before being welded together in a final permanent position", are directed to the method of focusing the position of the lamp's filament, the limitations directed to the method of manufacturing are not germane to the issue of patentability of the device.

Endo's mounting base (56) exemplifies sidewalls extending upwardly, instead of sidewalls extending downwardly as recited in the claim. However, It is considered within the capabilities of a person of ordinary skills in the art to modify the upwardly configuration of Endo into a downwardly configuration as an obvious matter of design engineering, since both configurations are considered structural equivalents.

Regarding **claim 2**, Endo clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention, in addition, Endo clearly disclose that the press seal (10a) has two flat surfaces with at least a locking projection (15) extending outwardly from each flat surface (fig. 7, col. 5, lines 20-22).

However, Endo fails to exemplify in the corresponding, that the elevated portion of the adapter having locking flaps extending downwardly into the slit thereof so that when the capsule is pushed into the adapter, the locking projections lock with the locking flaps so that the capsule is held by the adapter without play.

Meanwhile, in another embodiment Endo exemplifies the adapter means (supporting portion 52) with locking flaps (anchoring pieces 54) (fig. 3, col. 3, lines 13-19). Endo teaches structural equivalent structures; therefor one skilled in the art would have been motivated to combine equivalent elements of one embodiment within the structure of another embodiment.

Regarding **claim 3**, Endo clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention.

However, Endo fails to disclose that the weld structures comprise a plurality of upwardly projecting lugs, the lugs being welded to the adjustable collar after the adjustable collar is positioned inside the socket at a position of optimum focus.

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In the same field of endeavor, Okano clearly shows and discloses weld structures comprising a plurality of upwardly projecting lugs (32), the lugs (32) being welded to the adjustable collar after the adjustable collar is positioned inside the socket at a position of optimum focus (figs. 1-2, col. 6, 29-31), in order to securely engage the bulb base.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a plurality of upwardly projecting lugs as taught by Okano in the device of Endo, in order to securely engage the bulb base.

Regarding **claim 4**, Endo clearly shows and discloses that the weld structure (42) comprises inner vertical walls of the socket (16), said vertical walls being weld connected to said adjustable collar (56) (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 47-50).

Regarding **claim 6**, Endo clearly shows and discloses that the adapter (52) has a flat surface (53) below said elevated portion and said adjustable collar (56) has a flat surface surrounding said opening (58), said adapter (52) and said adjustable collar (56) being weld connected to each other by of their respective flat surfaces (fig. 2, col. 3, lines 38-39).

Regarding **claim 7**, Endo clearly shows and discloses an incandescent lamp which comprises: capsule means for providing a single ended capsule (10) having at least one filament (11) located inside the capsule (10) (col. 2, lines 18-19) and current connection leads (61) extending from a press seal (pinch-seal portion 10a) (col. 3, line 5); adapter means for providing an adapter (52) with having a slit (58) therethrough for receiving the press seal portion (10a) of said capsule (10); adjustment collar means for providing an adjustment collar (56) having a flat surface with an opening therein and sidewalls (60), said adapter means being weldably mounted on the flat surface of said adjustment collar (56) with at least a part of said press seal portion (10a) and current connection leads (61) extending through said opening; and socket means for providing a socket (16) closed at one end with an insulated material (synthetic

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resin 68, col. 4, lines 18-19) in which electrical connection leads (61+62) are embedded, an open upper portion of the socket (16) receiving said adjustment collar (56) in a snug yet adjustable manner along and around a reference axis and a weld structure (42) for weldably connecting said socket (16) to said adjustment collar (56) (figs. 1-2, col. 3, lines 38-43, and 47-50 and col. 4, line 14).

The claimed limitations “wherein said adapter means, adjustment collar means and socket means include relatively adjustable interfaces therebetween which permit relative movement of an inserted capsule along and around each of three mutually orthogonal axes prior to being welded together in permanently fixed relative positions” are directed to the method of focusing the position of the capsule, the limitations directed to the method of manufacturing are not germane to the issue of patentability of the device.

Endo's mounting base (56) exemplifies a depression or stepped down portion, instead of an elevated or stepped up portion as recited in the claim. However, It is considered within the capabilities of a person of ordinary skills in the art to modify the upwardly configuration of Endo into a downwardly configuration as an obvious matter of design engineering, since both configurations are considered structural equivalents.

Regarding **claim 8**, Endo clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention, in addition, Endo clearly disclose that the press seal (10a) has two flat surfaces with at least a locking projection (15) extending outwardly from each flat surface (fig. 7, col. 5, lines 20-22).

However, Endo fails to exemplify in the corresponding, that the elevated portion of the adapter having locking flaps extending downwardly into the slit thereof so that when the capsule is pushed into the adapter, the locking projections lock with the locking flaps so that the capsule is held by the adapter without play.

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Meanwhile, in another embodiment Endo exemplifies the adapter means (supporting portion 52) with locking flaps (anchoring pieces 54) (fig. 3, col. 3, lines 13-19). Endo teaches structural equivalent structures; therefor one skilled in the art would have been motivated to combine equivalent elements of one embodiment within the structure of another embodiment.

Regarding **claim 9**, Endo clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention.

However, Endo fails to disclose that the weld structures comprise a plurality of upwardly projecting lugs, the lugs being welded to the adjustable collar after the adjustable collar is positioned inside the socket at a position of optimum focus.

In the same field of endeavor, Okano clearly shows and discloses a weld structures comprise a plurality of upwardly projecting lugs (32), the lugs (32) being welded to the adjustable collar after the adjustable collar is positioned inside the socket at a position of optimum focus (figs. 1-2, col. 6, 29-31), in order to securely engage the bulb base.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a plurality of upwardly projecting lugs as taught by Okano in the device of Endo, in order to securely engage the bulb base.

Regarding **claim 10**, Endo clearly shows and discloses that the weld structure (42) comprise inner vertical walls of the socket means (16), said vertical walls being weld connected to said adjustable collar means (56) (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 47-50).

Regarding **claim 12**, Endo clearly shows and discloses that the adapter means (52) has a flat surface (53) below said elevated portion and said adjustable collar means (56) has a flat surface surrounding said opening (58), said adapter means (52) and said adjustable collar means (56) being weld connected to each other by of their respective flat surfaces (fig. 2, col. 3, lines 38-39).

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Claims 5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over, **Endo (4622486)**, and **Okano (4864183)**, in further view of **Devir et al. (5041955)**.

Regarding **claim 5**, Endo clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention.

However, Endo fails to exemplify that said weld structure comprise outer vertical walls of the socket, said vertical walls being weld connected to said adjustable collar.

However, it is considered within the capabilities of a person of ordinary skills in the art to modify the weld structure configuration of Endo into a outer vertical walls configuration as an obvious matter of design engineering, since both configurations are considered structural equivalents, as evidenced by Devir on figures 4 and 5 where the collar (28) is located either inner or outer vertical walls of the socket.

Regarding **claim 11**, Endo clearly shows and discloses the claimed invention.

However, Endo fails to exemplify that said weld structure comprise outer vertical walls of the socket means, said vertical walls being weld connected to said adjustable collar means.

However, it is considered within the capabilities of a person of ordinary skills in the art to modify the weld structure configuration of Endo into a outer vertical walls configuration as an obvious matter of design engineering, since both configurations are considered structural equivalents, as evidenced by Devir on figures 4 and 5 where the collar means (28) is located either inner or outer vertical walls of the socket means.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed June 11, 2008, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's arguments. Applicant's allegations emphasis on the focusing method that allows for the filament of the lamp to be positioned on a desired location. This focusing method it is not germane to the patentability of the device due to

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the fact that the final product structure is what distinguishes the invention from the prior art of the record. Therefore, Endo teaches the final product structure.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSE M. DIAZ whose telephone number is (571)272-9822. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 - 5:00 EST Monday-Thursday; Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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